

CIRCUIT COURT FOR TALBOT COUNTY

August 2020

Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Order of the Chief Judge for the Court of Appeals dated June 3, 2020, <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/admin-orders/20200603amendedprogressiveresumptionoffullfunctionofjudiciaryoperations.pdf>, the Circuit Court for Talbot County Court House, Clerk's Office and Register of Wills are open to the public.

Talbot County is continuing to implement best practices by limiting exposure and risk to its personnel and its users. As such, **court entry is still by appointment/ hearing notice/ summons only**. Please call **410-822-2611** to make an appointment with the Clerk's Office if you need to file paperwork and have specific non-legal questions, or need to obtain a license, be sworn in for a commission, or if you wish to access our public research room. We are limiting access to one customer at a time.

Attorneys must continue to use the online MDEC portal for judicial filings. For self-represented parties who have not registered as a user in MDEC (optional), please continue to file and record the safest way through the United States Postal Service, UPS, Federal Express or other overnight carrier. Otherwise, you may drop off your paperwork in our drop box. Land Records documents to be recorded should be filed through Simplifile, or they may be left in our drop box. Be sure to include any applicable fees. We accept cash, check, money order or credit card, but payments by cash and credit card do require an appoint.

A drop box is available inside the entrance of the Court House during normal business hours which are weekdays between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Please make sure your name and telephone number are on the paperwork for questions if necessary. You may also contact the Clerk's Office by telephone at **410-822-2611** for any questions concerning Court operations.

If you would like to **request a video conference/ hearing** for your case in which you **already have a scheduled date**, please contact the court as soon as possible to make that request. We will try to accommodate all requests if permissible and feasible:

If a **Family** case, please call **410-770-6806**.

If a **Juvenile** case, please call **410-822-2611**, and follow the prompts.

If a **Criminal, Civil, Guardianship** case, please call **410-770-6801**.

Please continue to call the Jury Commissioner at **410-770-6807** for questions and mail any documentation required.

For the **Register of Wills**, please call **410-770-6700**. Most needs may be fulfilled by phone, mail, email or through online services (www.registers.maryland.gov). Staff members can advise what will be required in order to serve you more expeditiously. Limited in-person service is available by appointment.

Always check the Circuit Court for Talbot County's website for updated Orders, information, screening and press releases prior to coming to court: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/clerks/talbot>

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and the information above may change as a result. Copies of pertinent court orders and statewide updates are available at www.mdcourts.gov.

Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe.